

WHEREAS, the education of our youth is important to the future direction of our Country; and

WHEREAS, our youth need a good education to be able to live productive lives as a member of this community; and

WHEREAS, Lydia Middleton Elementary School in downtown Madison ranked in the upper 25th percentile in ISTEP scores; and

WHEREAS, Lydia Middleton achieved Adequate Yearly Progress in accordance with No Child Left Behind; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of those achievements Lydia Middleton has achieved "Four Star School" status in the state of Indiana bringing honor to our community; and

WHEREAS, less than 150 elementary schools in the state have achieved this honor; and

WHEREAS, Lydia Middleton is the only school in the Madison area to be named a Four Star School; and

WHEREAS, the students and educators have worked very hard to achieve this honor through efforts like the Reading First program;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Damon Welch, Mayor of the City of Madison, Indiana do hereby proclaim Friday, April 20th, 2012 to be LYDIA MIDDLETON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DAY in Madison.

I encourage all Madison residents to join me in celebrating and congratulating the effort of the students and educators of Lydia Middleton Elementary School.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the City of Madison to be affixed this 17th day of April, 2012.